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### **THREAT LEVEL RAISED FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION SECTOR**

**Honolulu-** Effective at 10:00 p.m. HST, August 9, 2006, the United States Department of Homeland Security is raising the threat level for the Air Transportation Sector in the U.S to ORANGE – High. All passengers boarding international, domestic, or interisland flights will undergo an additional security screening at the boarding gates to insure that passengers do not take any liquids or gels onboard the aircraft.

Coffee, soft drinks, and other beverages will be available on the planes, but passengers will be forbidden to bring any liquids onboard.

Major General Robert G. F. Lee, Hawaii's Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense said raising the threat level was prompted by a foiled plot in the United Kingdom where terrorists, using liquid explosives, plotted to blow up several U.S. bound commercial airliners.

General Lee said, "We don't want people cancelling their flight reservations, we are not urging them not to fly. We just want them to know that extra security precautions will be in place for their protection."

Transportation Safety Administration officials urged departing passengers to allow extra time for the additional security screening. They suggest three hours for domestic and international flights and two hours for interisland flights.

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